

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The direct steamers, with the next Indian mail, left Calcutta on the morning of the 15 and may be expected to arrive on or about the 30th instant.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The F. M. steamer *City of Tokio*, with the next American mail, left Yokohama on the 25th July, and may be expected here on the August.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

557 The authorized List of Mails assumed connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our Extra, which is always corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Bangkok.—*Per Delia*, to-day, the 2nd instant, at 10.30 A.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—*Douglas*, to-day, the 29th inst., at 11.30 A.M.

For Shanghai.—*Per Feronia*, to-day, the 2nd instant, at 1.30 P.M.

For Hongkong, Amoy, and Haiphong.—*Pineiro*, to-day, the 29th inst., at 5 P.M.

For Manila.—*Per Emeralda*, to-morrow, 30th instant, at 11.50 A.M.

For Shanghai.—*Per El Derrado*, to-morrow the 30th inst., at 5.50 A.M.

For Saigon.—On Saturday, the 31st inst., at 4.30 P.M.

For Port Darwin, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, &c.—*Per Thelo*, on Wednesday, the proximo, at 11.30 A.M.

For Japan, via Kobe.—*Per Sumida-Maru*, Friday, the 6th proximo, at 5 P.M.

For Hongkong, Amoy, and Bombay.—*Per Ogden*, on Saturday, the 7th prox., at 3.30 P.M.

on Tuesday, the 10th proximo, at 11.30 A.M.

His Excellency the Governor is pleased to give the State Mail of the 10th of Ordinance, 1876, that the Post Office Correspondence posted after certain hours in Europe, America, the Australian Colonies, Shanghai, &c., shall be 10 Cents, instead of as hitherto.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET

The French Contract Packet "D'EMMANUEL" will be despatched on MONDAY, the 11th proximo, for the following Ports:—United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saig Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Adon, Suez, and Alexandria.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET

The British Contract Packet "PEKIN" will be despatched on MONDAY, the 11th proximo, for the following Ports:—United Kingdom and Europe, via Brindisi; the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, India, Adon, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar. This is the best opportunity for forwarding correspondence to Mauritius, F.R.A., the Cape of Good Hope, and Ascension.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for Australian Colonies.

HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRA MAIL.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

SATURDAY.
S.E.M. Money Order Officeless. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always open at office hours.

MONDAY.

10.A.M., Registry of Letters closes. Posting
all printed matter and patterns ceases.
11.00 A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Letters.
11.10 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late
of 10 cents until
11.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.
11.40 A.M., Late Letters may be posted on the
with Late Fee of 18 Cents until
time of departure.
THE ENGLISH MAIL—DAY OF DEPARTURE
3 P.M., Registry of Letters closes.
3 P.M., Ministry Order Office ceases. Posting
of all printed matter and patterns ceases.
4 P.M., Mails closed, except for Late Letters.
4.10 P.M., Letters may be posted with a
Fee of 10 cents until
4.30 P.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.
4.40 P.M., Late Letters may be posted on the
with the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents until
time of departure.
MAILS BY THE "FOREES STRAIT"
PACKET.
The Australian Contract Packet, "JER-
BANE" will be despatched from Hongkong
on SATURDAY, the 7th August, with Mails for
Singapore, Penang, Malacca, Ceylon, Colombo,
Ceylon, Java, Borneo, Kappel Bay, Brisbane,
Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji, and Mel-
bourne.
Correspondence cannot be registered after
2 P.M.
The Mails will be closed at 3.30 P.M. S.
plementary Mail on board with 10 cents late
time of departure.
Correspondence for Southern and West
Australia can be sent by this route if desired,
as a general rule it is better to send it via G.
MAILS BY THE "UNITED STATES"
PACKET.
The United States Mail Packet "CITY
TOKIO" will be despatched on WEDNESDAY
DAY, the 11th August, with Mails for Japan,
San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Hong-
kong, Cebu, etc., which will be closed as follows:
0.15 P.M. Registry ceases.
0.30 P.M. Post Office closes, but Letters (except
for Non-Union Countries) may be posted
before the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents
until time of departure.
Correspondence for Non-Union West In-
(except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Vi-
ruague, and Uruguay, cannot be sent by this
route.
REGISTRATION AS TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS'
LETTERS.
1.—Privates in H.M. Army or Navy, N.
uncommissioned Officers of Army, Schoolmaster
(not Superintendent of First Class), or Soldier

United Kingdom via Brindisi & via Marsel
at the rate of four cents (twopence) each, wh
may be prepaid either in Imperial or in Ho
kong Stamps.

2.—The same privileges apply to letters
addressed to the Privates and Non-commission
Officers named above.

3.—A such letters prepaid at the former r
of two cents (one penny) will be forwarded
from the United Kingdom by private stea
and not by the mail packets.

4.—Private Steamers leave Hongkong
London about every ten days and are from
to seven weeks on the voyage.

5.—The letters must not exceed half an ou
No handwritten, scribbled, &c., can be se
even with the ends open.

6.—If from a Soldier or Sailor his class
description must be stated in full on the
the cover of which must be signed by the C
of the ship, with name of regiment, sh
or, in full.

7.—If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class and
description with the name of regiment, shi
must be stated in full.

8.—Officers and Sailors have no privileg
with regard to books or papers, nor can the
prepaid with Imperial Stamps.

* But not Warrant Officers, viz.—Assistant
ginner, Gunter, Boatwain, or Carpenter.

LETTERS FOR THE UNITED STATES BY SAILING
SHIP.

When it is desired to forward letters to
United States by a sailing ship which is to
be sent by mail it is necessary to prepa
post the letters in the ordinary way, mark
with the name of the ship, and prepaid 8 cen
per half ounce usual. This Office then un
takes the duty of obtaining notice of depa
and of procuring a letter of prepayment. It
is requested that the letters be posted if possib
least one day before the date fixed for sailing.

Many boxes of letters are received at the Po
Office, and it is to say, the boxes are
fastened with sealing wax, but there is no
impression of a seal.

The attention of boxholders is called to
necessity of carefully sealing such boxes w
some recognizable seal, and of sending a
copy of the address to the Office of the
the latter precaution leaves a doubt as to
their the contents of the box ever reached
Post Office; the omission of the former, a
whether part of them might not have been

